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states that Bernhard Bechler, now Interior Minister of Brandenburg, will definitely not become chief of the combined Soviet Zone police.

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Fischer will continue as head of the GAI and the de facto head of all Soviet Zone police indefinitely. The only other likely choice for the position is Wilhelm Zaisser, now Interior Minister of Saxony-Anhalt. the opinion that only a Russian speaker will be considered for the position. Fischer and Zaisser both speak Russian; so does Vice-President Mielke of the GAI.

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Comment: A UP despatch quoting the Tagesspiegel names Bernhard Bechler as the coming chief of the Soviet Zone police.)

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